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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCE AMONG DANANG REFUGEES

REF: A. DANANG 1264

B. DANANG MEMCON TUONG/TULL/SCOTT NOVEMBER 28, 1973

1. REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF DANANG REFUGEES REPORTED REFTEL HAS  
RESULTED IN PROTEST DEMONSTRATION ON DECEMBER 28 AT CAMP BOOKS

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IN HOA VAN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, OUTSIDE OF DANANG.

THIRTY-FOUR FAMILIES PROTESTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR REFUGEE BENEFITS CONVERGED ON OFFICE OF CAMP SECTION CHIEF TO DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION OF THEIR CLAIMS. THEY WERE JOINED BY SYMPATHIZERS AND THE CROWD SWELLED TO APPROXIMATELY 400 PEOPLE (THE POPULATION OF CAMP BOOKS IS 40,633). SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE REPORTEDLY CAM LO (QUANG TRI) REFUGEES WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO MOVE SOUTH TO BINH TUY FOR RESETTLEMENT DECEMBER 29TH. BECAUSE OF THE RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE REVOLUTION CADRE CENSUS, PAYMENTS OF MONEY AND RICE DUE THESE PEOPLE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER HAVE BEEN DELAYED, AND NONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PLANNING TO MAKE THIS MOVE HAVE RECEIVED ALL OF THEIR BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

2. THE DANANG MAYOR, COL. DAO TRONG TUONG, SENT THE CITY POLICE CHIEF TO THE CAMP TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE AND ASK FOR A REPRESENTATION TO GO WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE MAYOR AT CITY HALL. THE CROWD COMPLIED AND DISPERSED. THERE WERE NO KNOWN INJURIES.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM MINISTER PHAM QUANG DAN, PRIOR TO THE DEMONSTRATION, THE MAYOR IS FORMING A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF GVN OFFICIALS AND DANANG CITY AND QUANG TRI PROVINCE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW CASES IN WHICH LEGITIMATE REFUGEES MAY HAVE BEEN STRICKEN FROM THE ROLLS.

4. THE MAYOR HOPES THAT HE WILL HAVE THE 5,000 COMPLAINTS THUS FAR REGISTERED RESOLVED BY JANUARY 10. HE CLAIMS TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL, BUT THE CONSULATE GENERAL BELIEVES THAT FURTHER DISTURBANCES MAY BE POSSIBLE. COL. TUONG TOLD A CONGEN REPRESENTATIVE DECEMBER 28 THAT PERHAPS ONE-HALF OF THE 27,000 REFUGEES REMOVED FROM THE ROLLS MAY HAVE LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO REFUGEE BENEFITS. MEANWHILE THE CONFUSION CREATED BOTH BY RE-REGISTERING OF REFUGEES TO REDUCE THE ROLLS TO 134,000 (SEE REFTEL) AND BY THIS DISTURBANCE, IS DELAYING PLANNED REFUGEE SETTLEMENT.

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